

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously presented) A light diffusing sheet comprising:  
  
a transparent base sheet; and  
  
a light diffusing layer provided on a front surface side of the base sheet, wherein  
  
the light diffusing layer is formed by dispersing resinous beads and a fine inorganic filler into a binder, and  
  
the fine inorganic filler is colloidal silica having an average particle diameter that is in a range of 5 nanometers to 50 nanometers.
2. (Previously presented) The light diffusing sheet of Claim 1, wherein the resinous beads of the light diffusing layer have an averaged particle diameter of 1 micrometer to 50 micrometers.
3. (Original) The light diffusing sheet of claim 1, wherein an amount of the fine inorganic filler mixed into the light diffusing layer is 10 parts to 500 parts by weight for 100 parts by weight of a polymer component in the binder.
4. (Previously presented) A light diffusing sheet comprising:  
  
a transparent base sheet;  
  
a light diffusing layer provided on a front surface side of the base sheet; and  
  
a sticking-proof layer provided on a rear surface side of the base sheet, wherein  
  
the sticking-proof layer is formed by dispersing resinous beads and a fine inorganic filler into a binder, and  
  
the fine inorganic filler is colloidal silica having an average particle diameter that is in a range of 5 nanometers to 50 nanometers.

5. (Previously presented) The light diffusing sheet of Claim 4, wherein the resinous beads of the sticking-proof layer has an averaged particle diameter of 1 micrometer to 50 micrometers.

6. (Original) The light diffusing sheet of Claim 4, wherein an amount of the fine inorganic filler mixed into the sticking-proof layer is 10 parts to 500 parts by weight for 100 parts by weight of a polymer component in the binder.

7. (Previously presented) A backlight unit comprising:

a lamp;

a light guiding plate disposed laterally of the lamp for guiding light rays emitted from the lamp to a front surface side; and

a light diffusing sheet disposed on a front surface side of the light guiding plate, wherein,

said light diffusing sheet comprises;

a transparent base sheet; and

a light diffusing layer provided on a front surface side of the base sheet, wherein

the light diffusing layer is formed by dispersing resinous beads and a fine inorganic filler into a binder, and

the fine inorganic filler is colloidal silica having an average particle diameter that is in a range of 5 nanometers to 50 nanometers.